

Delivering for West Hartford

What the Budget Does for West Hartford

State funding sent to West Hartford directly impacts your property taxes. That’s why I fought hard to increase state funding for West Hartford by \$7,660,339, including \$5,784,186 in new funding for our schools. This table shows the grants and reimbursements in the next two-year state budget.

Two-Year Budget for FY 16 & 17	
TOTAL EDUCATION GRANTS	\$41,910,885
TOWN AID ROAD FUND GRANT (TAR)	\$1,374,905
MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT & MOHEGAN FUND GRANT	\$431,391
LOCAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (LoCIP)	\$873,364
PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES (PILOT)	\$2,916,280
GRANTS FOR MUNICIPAL AID	\$1,611,569
STATE SALES TAX SHARE (NEW REVENUE SOURCE)	\$2,075,223
*TOTAL STATE FUNDS TO WEST HARTFORD	\$51,193,617

*Estimates provided by the Office of Fiscal Analysis.

Car Tax Relief

We provided car tax relief to individuals and businesses in West Hartford where the current mill rate is 37.37. Our budget caps the mill rate for vehicles at 32 in FY 17 and at 29.36 in FY 18. This property tax relief benefits not only individuals and families, but also businesses that own trucks or vans.

Estimated Savings in West Hartford					
A family with two cars with assessed values of \$20,000 each					
FY 15 Mill Rate	Current Car Tax	Mill Rate Cap of 32 (FY 17)	Mill Rate Cap of 29.36 (FY 18)	Tax Savings in FY 17	Tax Savings in FY 18
37.37	\$1,495	\$1,280	\$1,174	\$215	\$320
A business with three trucks with an assessed value of \$35,000 each					
FY 15 Mill Rate	Current Car Tax	Mill Rate Cap of 32 (FY 17)	Mill Rate Cap of 29.36 (FY 18)	Tax Savings in FY 17	Tax Savings in FY 18
37.37	\$3,924	\$3,360	\$3,083	\$564	\$841

From your State Senator

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TAX RELIEF FOR THE MIDDLE CLASS & SMALL BUSINESSES

Since January, I received input from thousands of members of our community. Small-business owners and locally elected municipal officials, those who advocate for the needs and safety of our children, seniors, disabled and veterans have all weighed in with constructive and meaningful advice that had an impact on the final budget.

I’ve worked to pass a balanced state budget that provides fairness for hardworking, middle-class families while continuing to **grow jobs** and **protect our children, seniors and veterans**. That’s exactly what our state budget does.

State Senator
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From your State Senator
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Representing Bloomfield, Burlington,
Farmington & West Hartford

Historic Tax Cuts

West Hartford will receive **\$7,660,339** in additional aid for property tax relief.



Your car taxes will be reduced by **21.4 percent**.

This budget provides historic tax relief for families, businesses and veterans by:

- Providing hundreds of millions of dollars in additional state funding to cities and towns through the sales tax to provide property tax relief;
- Capping municipal spending;
- Providing a direct cut in car taxes and capping the car tax in all towns; and
- Fully exempting federally taxable military retirement pay from our state income tax.

Cutting Spending & Restoring Fairness

Our locally-owned grocery and hardware stores in West Hartford report all of their profits in Connecticut. Walmart and Home Depot pool their profits across states and report their Connecticut profits to Delaware—a haven for corporate tax avoidance. Our budget will put our locally-owned stores on a level playing field with Walmart and Home Depot in the next fiscal year.

More Than \$1 Billion in Spending Cuts

We cut spending by almost \$600 million in FY 16 and more than \$800 million in FY 17. This includes cuts of \$200 million from state employee salaries, positions and overtime over the next two years.

Connecticut’s Families & Businesses

Some of the largest corporations in the world pay little or no taxes in Connecticut while our state’s small- and medium-sized businesses and middle-class families bear the burden.

Mandatory combined reporting brings fairness to our tax system. Our small businesses on Main Street can’t hide profits across multiple states the way large corporations do. Large companies will need to provide a detailed assessment of what earnings are tied to this state.

Responsibly Investing in...



Transportation

We make a **once-in-a-generation investment of an additional \$2.8 billion in transportation infrastructure** over the next five years to grow jobs, boost the economy and improve the quality of life for all Connecticut residents. Business leaders ranked transportation as the third top spending priority for the state, according to a 2013 survey.



Education

After chronic underfunding for West Hartford for decades, we increased funding for **our public schools by \$5,784,186**, the biggest increase in nearly a decade. I fought for this funding and made it one of my top priorities for this budget.



Our State’s Most Vulnerable Seniors & Children

This budget **enhances funding for Mental Health Services and preserved critical services for seniors and residents with developmental disabilities**.



College Students & Our Workforce

We continue to make **critical investments in higher education, workforce training and summer youth employment**.